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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

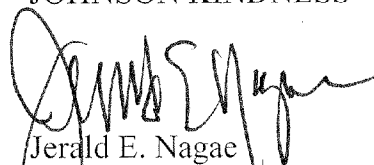
The Office Action of September 19, 2007, required restriction between claim groups: Group I consisting of Claims 1-17, 19, 24-38, 42-54, and 57-60, which were said to be drawn to patterning an SOG layer; and Group IV (sic), consisting of Claims 18, 20-23, 39, 40, 41, 55 and 56, which were said to be drawn to an article made by a process according to Group I.

Applicant selects for initial examination the claims of Group I.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the foregoing, he is requested to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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